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Hard coal deliveries from satellite countries to Eastern Germany are steadily declining. Fuel oil is therefore being used increasingly in East German industries. The State Secretariat for Chemical Products, Stones and Earth stated on 16 March 1952 that 150,000 tons of fuel oil will be required in 1953 if this trend continues. The crude oil from which the fuel oil is produced must be imported from satellite countries. \*

25X1 \* Comment. The 1951 requirements of Eastern Germany for fuel oil could not be fulfilled by the domestic production. The 1951 requirements for fuel oil were about 100,000 tons and only 62,(sic) tons were produced.

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